

**REPLACEMENT ABSTRACT**

**Abstract**

An apparatus for selecting a best serving sector in a code division multiple access (CDMA) communication system. A comparator compares a plurality of signal levels received from a plurality of active sectors with a signal level of a current serving sector to produce a difference. A delta generator is coupled to the comparator that generates a delta credit for each of the plurality of active sectors based on the difference. An accumulator is coupled to the delta generator and accumulates a plurality of delta credits to produce an accumulated total credit. A best sector identifier that is coupled to the accumulator identifies the best serving sector from the accumulated total credit.